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SUBJECT: SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD DETENTE

1. UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR SIMONS CALLED ON EUR DEPUTY

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMIAGE MAY 9 FOR DEPARTMENT'S

VIEWS ON WHETHER SOVIET ATTITUDES MAY BE HARDENING, SPECIFICALLY TOWARD FRG AND MIDDLE EAST. SIMONS ALSO ASKED ABOUT SOVIET CONCESSIONS IN CSCE AND ABOUT US-USSR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. SIMONS WONDERED, SINCE USSR HAS ACHIEVED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR GDR, WHETHER SOVIETS MIGHT FEEL THEY HAVE NOW OBTAINED THEIR MAJOR GOAL IN WESTPOLITIK, AND WILL RETURN TO TOUGHER STANCE (ASIDE FROM WHATEVER AFFECT AFTERMATH OF BRANDT RESIGNATION MAY HAVE ON FRG-USSR RELATIONS). ARMITAGE SAID THAT OUR INDICATIONS POINTED RATHER TOWARD CONTINUED SOVIET SUPPORT OF DETENTE AND NOTED RE FRG INCREASING STAKE IN LONG-TERM ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, SUCH AS KURSK STEEL MILL PROJECT, AND FACT USSR HAS MORE TO GAIN FROM COOPERATION WITH WESTERN EUROPE THAN FROM CONFRONTATION.

3. RE MIDDLE EAST, SIMONS ASKED IF US SAW EVIDENCE OF GROWING SOVIET FRUSTRATION IN THEIR EFFORTS "TO BE SEEN TO BE DOING SOMETHING"? ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS OF SOME SOVIET FRUSTRATION IN THIS AREA. US HAS TRIED TO KEEP THESE FRUSTRATIONS WITHIN BOUNDS BY STAYING IN CLOSE AND VISIBLE TOUCH WITH SOVIETS ON PROGRESS OF DISENGAGEMENT TALKS, AS AT RECENT CYPRUS MEETING. NOTED PRESS REPORTS FROM US SOURCES THAT SOVIETS' ROLE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN HELPFUL AND NOT UNHELPFUL, SUGGESTING VIEW USSR HAS AT LEAST REFRAINED FROM SPOILER ROLE.

4. RE CSCE, SIMONS ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY INDICATIONS THAT SOVIETS MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS? ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT SOVIETS SEEM TO BE IN PROCESS OF CLARIFYING THEIR POSITIONS RE BASKET III ITEMS TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE THAT WILL LEAD TO AGREEMENT.

5. ON US-USSR RELATIONS, ARMITAGE SAID THAT PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMIT ARE GOING FORWARD. HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO PROVIDE ON PROSPECTS FOR A SALT AGREEMENT. WHERE THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS, SUCH AS UNCERTAINTIES OVER MFN AND CREDITS, DETENTE SEEMED INTACT AND THERE ARE NO INDICA-  
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TIONS OF SOVIET RETHINKING OF THEIR DECISION TO PURSUE THIS COURSE.

6. ASKED ABOUT UK-USSR RELATIONS, SIMONS POINTED TO RECENTLY SIGNED TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS MODEST STEP FORWARD. ON SOVIET RELAXATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON DIPLOMATS, SIMONS VOLUNTEERED IMPRESSION THAT UK WILL NOT GIVE GREAT DEAL IN RETURN--

PERHAPS FOR EXAMPLE PERMITTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND  
INTERPRETER AND CHAUFFEUR FREER REIN IN ENGLAND, BUT NOT  
UK. RUSH

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